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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

1. The preliminary amendment filed with the application on April 21, 2004 that appeared in the transmittal is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.
2. Specifically note that the transmittal letter included an instruction to “cancel in this application original claims 16-40” and to “amend the specification by inserting before the first line sentence: --This is a division of application Serial No. 10/026,504 filed December 19, 2001.--“
3. Also specifically note that MPEP section 714.01(e), subsection I, explicitly sets forth that “[P]reliminary amendments made in a transmittal letter of the application will not comply with 37 CFR 1.121.”
4. Further note that regarding the claim amendment, a complete listing of all the claims is not present, listing the text of all pending claims, and providing each claim with the proper status identifier [Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently Amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered)], as is required by 37 CFR 1.121.
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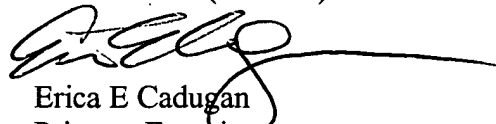
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